

238.510 Office of Charitable Gaming -- Executive director -- Conflicts of interest of staff -- Charitable gaming investigators.

- (1) The Office of Charitable Gaming is created as an office within the Department of Public Protection within the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. The office shall license and regulate the conduct of charitable gaming and license and regulate charitable organizations that desire to engage in charitable gaming, charitable gaming facilities, manufacturers, and distributors in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- (2) The office shall be headed by an executive director who shall be appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor. The executive director shall employ staff as may be necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter.
- (3) All office staff shall be classified and employed in accordance with applicable personnel requirements of the Personnel Cabinet in accordance with KRS Chapter 18A.
- (4) No employee of the office during his or her term of employment shall be an officer in a charitable organization that is licensed to conduct charitable gaming or be involved in the conduct of charitable gaming as a member of a licensed charitable organization. No employee of the office during his or her term of employment shall be licensed as a manufacturer, distributor, or charitable gaming facility, or have a financial interest in any business that is licensed as a manufacturer, distributor, or charitable gaming facility.
- (5) The executive director shall appoint charitable gaming investigators who shall have the powers of peace officers throughout the Commonwealth; however, those powers shall be limited to:
 - (a) Enforcement of the provisions of KRS Chapter 238, relating to charitable gaming;
 - (b) Violations of KRS Chapter 528, relating to:
 1. Unlicensed and illegal charitable gaming;
 2. Gambling offenses committed on licensed charitable gaming premises; and
 3. Gambling offenses committed in conjunction with charitable gaming;
 - (c) Violations of KRS Chapter 514, relating to theft, embezzlement, or other illegal diversions of charitable gaming proceeds;
 - (d) Violations of KRS Chapters 516 and 517, relating to forgery and fraud in the conduct of charitable gaming;
 - (e) Violations relating to the damage or destruction of real or personal property owned or leased by a charitable gaming licensee; and
 - (f) Violation of any criminal felony offense committed:
 1. On licensed charitable gaming premises; and
 2. In the presence of a charitable gaming investigator.

- (6) Charitable gaming investigators shall satisfy the certification standards established by the Department of Criminal Justice Training pursuant to KRS Chapter 15. The executive director may possess peace officer powers granted under subsection (5) of this section, if he or she is duly qualified. Charitable gaming investigators shall not qualify for hazardous duty coverage under the Kentucky Employees Retirement System.
- (7) Charitable gaming investigators so appointed shall not possess peace officer powers other than those provided in subsection (5) of this section.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (6/20/2005). 2005 Ky. Acts chs. 11, 85, 95, 97, 98, 99, 123, and 181 instruct the Reviser of Statutes to correct statutory references to agencies and officers whose names have been changed in 2005 legislation confirming the reorganization of the executive branch. Such a correction has been made in this section.